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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

1. SAN FRANCISCO CITY LEADERS INFORMED CU/EA TODAY IT
CRUCIAL THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF SAN FRANCISCO SHOWING OF
EXHIBITION BE MADE BY APRIL 3. DESPITE REPEATED

EXPLANATIONS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT MUST AWAIT EXCHANGE OF
DOCUMENTS, SAN FRANCISCANS NOW THREATENING TO TELEPHONE
AMBASSADOR BUSH IF DEPARTMENT DOES NOT GIVE THEM GO
AHEAD. THEY HAVE CITED NEED TO MEET DEADLINE FOR TOURIST
BROCHURE AND TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN TO FINANCE EXHIBITION.

2. DEPARTMENT SEES NO PROBLEM WITH MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT
PRIOR TO EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS AS LONG AS CHINESE AGREE.
DEPARTMENT, THEREFORE, REQUESTS THAT USLO MAKE URGENT
REQUEST OF MFA TO ALLOW ANNOUNCEMENT OF SAN FRANCISCO
SHOWING TO BE MADE PRIOR TO EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS.

3. EXPLAIN TO CHINESE THAT SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM VERY
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ANXIOUS TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT AND PUTTING PRESSURE ON US

FOR PERMISSION TO MOVE AHEAD. STRESS THAT GREAT
INTEREST IN SHOW ON WEST COAST MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO
KEEP NEWS OUT OF PUBLIC MEDIA MUCH LONGER. ALSO EXPLAIN
THAT SAN FRANCISCO ANXIOUS TO LAUNCH PROMOTIONAL EFFORT
TO ASSURE MAXIMUM WEST COAST ATTENDANCE AT SHOWING.

4. ALSO REQUEST THAT USLO PRESS MFA FOR COMMENTS ON
DRAFT PRESS RELEASES. KISSINGER

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